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Mr. Thomas S. Burack, Chairman New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee N.H. Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive, P. O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC for a Certificate of Site and Facility to Construct and Operate the Granite Reliable Power Windpark Docket No. 2008-04

## Dear Commissioner Burack:

The Coös County Commissioners wish to go on record in full support of the Granite Reliable Power Wind Park. Officials from Noble Environmental have kept the Board of Commissioners well informed of the project during the lengthy planning phase.

The wind turbines and other components of the wind park, as proposed, will be located in the unincorporated places of Dixville, Millsfield, Odell and Erving's Grant. The Board of Commissioners functions as the local governing board for these unincorporated places and in that capacity has met with the folks from Noble Environmental periodically during the past two years. The Coös County Commissioners, with the support of the Coös County Delegation, approved and signed an Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes on March 12, 2008. Based on this Agreement, the project will have economic benefit to the host unincorporated places.

The Board supports development of wind power in Coös County. The wind supply here is abundant; it is also a renewable and nonpolluting resource. The ridgelines being considered for the wind turbines are on privately owned property that has historically been used for timber harvesting and the land owners are clearly supporting this project. There are no private residences in the vicinity of the proposed wind park.

For these reasons and based upon the studies and data collection provided by the applicant, our support is without reservation.

Sincerely,

Burnham A. Judd

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